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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the semivictims at the lower levels can't get a break. Mr. Big named A might turn in Mr. Big named B or mid-level operative, and for cooperating, that guy or woman who is really one of the perpetrators of the drug problem is the only one who can cut a deal because that person delivers somebody that law enforcement wants and can get some good publicity and press for having captured. So they get the breaks. I've got my light on. I'll continue when I'm recognized. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members, Senator Chambers, I may be on a different side on the underlying bill, but I'm absolutely with you on this issue of discretion and whether going to 13 weeks is, with no discretion, it flies in the face of what we're trying to do with this, which is to say that there are certain kinds of behavior that for which you should not see this as an absolute benefit, an entitlement, but as a floor. But if you don't have a...some raise that you can...that can be applied, then there is no differentiation between the behavior that's the most egregious and the less egregious. I also agree with you on our minimum...mandatory minimum and what that's done, not only to our corrections system but what it's done in terms of public perception about how bad certain kinds of crimes are. And if we don't have any discretions, then I don't think the system works to encourage certain kinds of behavior and discourage other kinds of behavior. So I have an amendment that makes the range 10 to 13. I think we...if this bill is going to advance, it absolutely has to have a range in it. And so though you and I may...and I hate to be in the position of having to defend troglodytes but I will defend them only to the extent that I do think that it is incumbent on us to make some changes in our unemployment compensation system. I would prefer that the changes maintain a range so that we can discriminate between the kinds of behavior that is egregious and that that is less egregious. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to speak.